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SUBJECT: FY 1973 MAP O AND M REQUIREMENTS

REFERENCE: SEOUL 498 AND 698

1. REFTELS DESCRIBE SERIOUS SHORTAGE IN O AND M FUNDS IN FY 1973 MAP AND URGE RELIEF FROM BAILMENT CHARGE (\$13.7 MILLION) FOR F-4 SQUADRON AS MEANS OF MEETING URGENT O AND M REQUIREMENTS. ACCORDING TO DOD GENERAL COUNSEL, BAILMENT CHARGE MUST BE PAID FROM FY 73 MAP AND CANNOT BE WAIVED. HOWEVER, FY 74 DEFENSE BUDGET NOW BEFORE CONGRESS INCLUDES FUNDS TO REIMBURSE MAP FOR ENHANCE PLUS OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BAILMENT CHARGE OF \$13.7 MILLION. UNDER THE ARRANGEMENT, THESE FUNDS WOULD BE RESTORED TO KOREAN MAP IN FY 74.

2. IN MEANTIME, DOD IS TAKING ACTION TO REPROGRAM FROM OTHER MAP SOURCES TO RELIEVE URGENT O AND M SHORTFALL. THIS REPROGRAMMING ACTION IS TEMPORARY ONE TO RELIEVE
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URGENT PROGRAM IN FY 73. THESE FUNDS WILL HAVE TO BE RESTORED FROM KOREAN MAP IN FY 74, BUT WITH REIMBURSEMENT FOR BAILMENT IN FY 74. WHOLE TRANSACTIONS WILL BE A WASH. FYI: SOURCE OF MOST OF FUNDS FOR REPROGRAMMING ACTION WILL BE CPIC. HOWEVER, WE SEE NO ADVANTAGE IN INFORMING ROK OF SOURCE OF FUNDS. END FYI

3. SHOULD ROK RAISE ISSUE, ANY EXPLANATIONS GIVEN SHOULD BE BASED ON FOREGOING.

4. AMBASSADOR HABIB INFORMED AND CONCURS. ROGERS

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